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New Claim

New independent method claim 10 recites a method for operating a robot cleaner that

includes, among other steps, selectively disinfecting the surface being cleaned simultaneous

with and independently of suctioning dust from the surface being cleaned into the dust

vacuuming and cleaning section. As discussed above, none of Taylor et al., Bancroft, or

Kurz, either alone or in combination, teaches selectively disinfecting the surface by operating

the disinfecting section simultaneously with and independently of suctioning dust from the

surface being cleaned into the dust vacuuming and collecting section.

Therefore, Applicants believe independent method claim 10 is allowable over the

cited prior arts.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1, and 3-10 are believed to be in allowable condition.

Prompt and favorable treatment is respectfully solicited.

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